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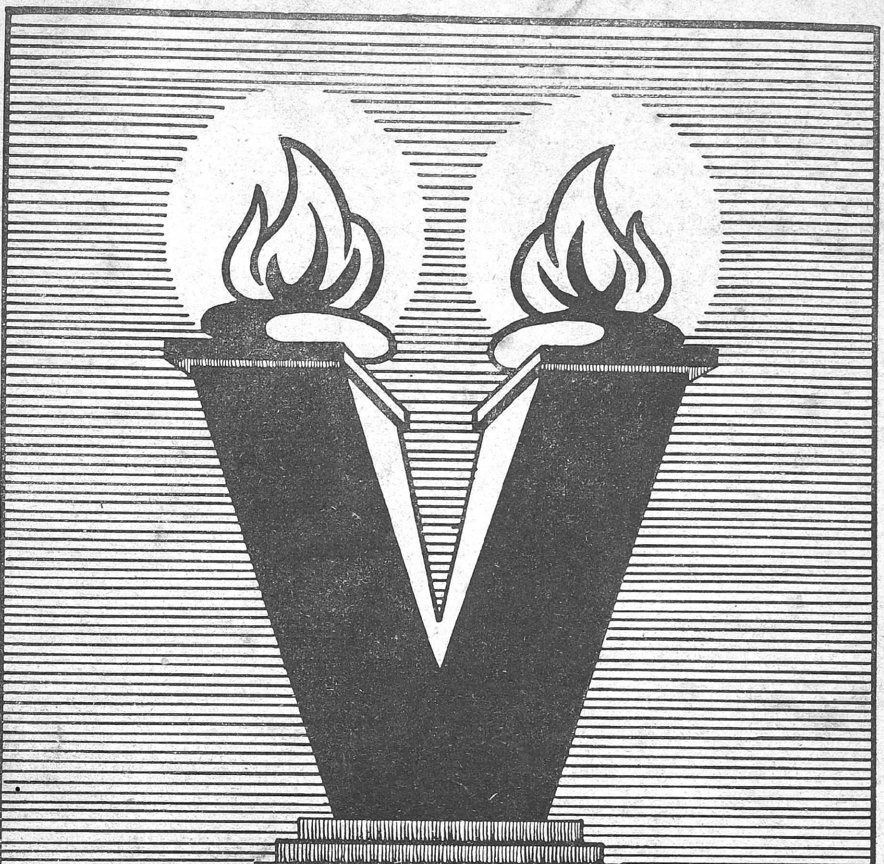

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UNITY AND VICTORY

Everybody here is imbued with the same spirit, with the desire for unity and the desire for victory. I hope this gathering of people of so many different points of view, both on religion, and possibly other matters, will go away feeling that they have helped to bring unity nearer, by bringing people of different religions together, to help to solve the problems, not only of the immediate future during the war, but to help in the days of peace to come, for peace will come one day, and with peace, a better world—a better world, because people will come together more and more, forgetting the animosities of the past.

—H. E. SIR ARTHUR HOPE,
at the public meeting held in Victoria Hall, Madras, on the National Day of Prayer, on September 6.

NOTICE

THE Director of War Publicity will be glad to receive photographs relating to war work in the City and in the mufassal districts for publication in the next number of VICTORY. Photographs intended for publication should reach him before October 12, 1942.

VICTORY

A Review of the Madras War Effort for August 1942

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Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

	RS.	A.	P.
Contributions to the above Fund including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund amounted on the 27th July 1942 ..	2,08,06,653	6	6
Details of disbursements.			
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund prior to the closing of that Fund and the handing over of the undisbursed balance to the Madras Governor's War Fund ..	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—			
To specific charities and to the Joint War Charities Committee earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..	12,51,666	1	1

	RS.	A.	P.
By Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadrons ..	1,71,00,000	0	0
By Indian Air Force ..	11,50,000	0	0
By Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of armoured carriers ..	4,10,000	0	0
By Madras Flying Club on account of Scholarships Trainer Aircraft Parachutes and other equipment and for training Flying Instructors, etc. ..	3,08,971	3	1
By His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence Purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..	12,707	12	6
By Relief of Evacuees.	49,220	14	5

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	RS.	A.	P.
By Salvation Army for the entertainment of and supply of meals to troops ..	3,000	0	0
By purchase of motor boat, station wagon, etc., from amounts earmarked for M. & S.M. Railway, Rayapuram District Armoured Car Fund.	8,600	0	0
	2,05,46,226	12	7
Balance as at close of business on 31st August 1942 ..	2,60,426	9	11

Amenities for Troops Fund

SOUTH ARCOT.—Members of the Jubilee Club, Cuddalore O.T., staged a Tamil play on August 15, in aid of the fund. A sum of Rs. 546–8–0 has so far been realized and outstandings are being collected. Donations amounting to Rs. 206–6–6 were remitted to the credit of the fund.

ANANTAPUR.—A public meeting was held on August 5 in Anantapur in connexion with Amenities for Troops Fund, when His Excellency the Governor's broadcast speech was explained. The meeting was largely attended. Janab K. Muhammad Rahimtulla Sahib, Chairman, Municipal Council, Anantapur, gave a donation of Rs. 200 at the time of the meeting and more donations were given on the spot. Altogether Rs. 1,115–2–0 was realized in the course of the month.

MALABAR.—Subscriptions made to the Amenities for Troops Fund amounted to Rs. 530. The Zamorin of Calicut and prominent persons have promised handsome donations to the Fund.

MADURA.—The Kodaikanal Amateur Dramatic Society staged a composite ball entitled "Cafe Complet" on September 19, at High Clerc, Kodaikanal, the nett proceeds of which exceed Rs. 500, and are being distributed to the Amenities for Troops Fund.

At a Golf Club luncheon on September 21st a single bunch of table flowers was auctioned for the Fund, and realized Rs. 60.

KURNOOL.—In connexion with Amenities for Troops Fund, a public meeting was held at Kurnool on August 31. Similar meetings were held in other centres in the district. So far, a sum of Rs. 314–8–10 has been collected.

RAMNAD.—In the first week of August, special meetings were held all over the district in connexion with Amenities for Troops Fund. More than 4,000 people attended a meeting held at Sattur owing to the efforts of the Revenue subordinates headed by Mr. P. J. Thomas, Tahsildar. A *Barata Natyam* performance was held to entertain the audience. Another mass meeting was held at Karaikudi under the presidentship of Rao Bahadur O. A. R. Arunachalam Chettiyar.

The Ramnad District War Executive Committee met on August 8, when it was decided to form sub-committees in all divisional headquarters to collect subscriptions for the Amenities for Troops Fund.

TANJORE.—The Divisional War Committee held special meetings to concert ways and means for the collection of money for the Amenities for Troops Fund. A meeting of the District War Committee was also held when the Collector appealed to the members of the committee to make every effort to collect subscriptions for the Fund. In this connexion, public meetings were held in Mayavaram, Mannargudi and Tanjore.

TINNEVELLY.—A mass meeting was held at Koilpatti on August 18, when the Amenities for Troops Fund was inaugurated. Captain Calderwood made a stirring appeal for subscriptions to the fund. Mr. Pragjee Vallabhadas presented a cheque for Rs. 500 earmarked for the fund.

A benefit performance was given by a cinema at Sankarankoil. A sum of Rs. 400 was realized which was credited to the Amenities for Troops Fund.

Other Activities

NORTH ARCOT.—Under the auspices of the North Arcot District War Committee, a dance performance was given at Vellore on August 18 at the local theatre. A sum of Rs. 1,276 was realized from the performance which was credited to His Excellency the Governor's War Fund.

H. E. The Governor's Tour

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His Excellency the Governor visited Coimbatore and Pollachi on August 7 and 8.

At Coimbatore, on August 7, His Excellency inspected the Air Raid Precaution Services, visited an industrial institute where war technicians are undergoing training, and granted interviews to local non-officials. He also addressed a public meeting at the Coronation Park.

On August 8, His Excellency motored to Pollachi and addressed a combined War Committee and public meeting, and granted interviews to local non-officials. A purse of Rs. 90,000 was presented to His Excellency at the public meeting at Pollachi.

National War Front Activities

Propaganda Meetings in Madras and Districts

MADRAS CITY.—In spite of many adverse conditions prevailing in the city, the City Organizer and the Lecturer were able to hold more than 50 meetings. These meetings had a wide appeal. There were meetings for the students of the colleges; meetings for workers and labourers; and meetings for teachers and the general public. Prof. Ruthnaswami, Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai, Mrs. Clubwala, Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal, Lecturer, Queen Mary's College, Staff Officer C. M. Sankaralingham and Dr. George S. Arundale were some of the important speakers who addressed these meetings.

A special meeting was arranged by the City Organizer for the teachers of the Madras Corporation Schools numbering over 1,500. This meeting was presided over by Mr. O. Pulla Reddi, Commissioner of the Madras Corporation. Sincere thanks are due to Mr. O. Pulla Reddi and Mr. N. Sankaran for the very cordial help they gave. Prof. Ruthnaswami, Mrs. Clubwala, Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal and Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliar, addressed the gathering.

Propaganda work was also carried on amongst the school children. A special series of lectures, capable of being understood by the pupils, was arranged by the City Organizer. The National War Front Lecturer, Mr. K. Kalyanasundaram, addressed the pupils on "How students could help to win this war."

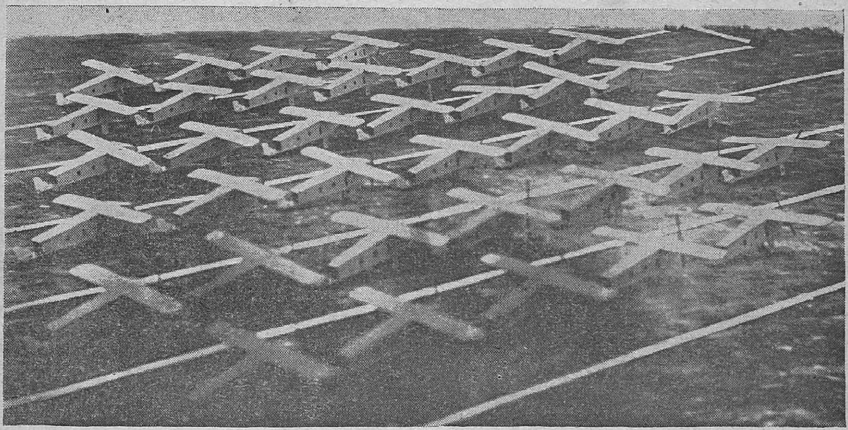
With the help of the van and the Lecturer, the City Organizer distributed posters and other literature to all colleges, Wardens' Posts, hotels, clubs, reading rooms, etc. At the end of propaganda meetings, there usually followed the distribution of war literature. Many thousands of interesting pamphlets have so far been distributed in the city.

SOUTH KANARA.—The Divisional Organizer, National War Front, Mangalore, arranged for a public meeting on August 7. Another public meeting was held at Kasargod on August 15 under the auspices of the Taluk War Committee.

NILGIRIS.—An intensive and extensive programme of propaganda was undertaken by the District Organizer, when he visited big villages like Ketti, Kerada, Katery, Selas, Kodery, Hasatti, Melur, Muttinad, Devarshola, Yedapalli, Jagathala, Kodamalai and Illithorai. A Sports Meet was held under the auspices of the National War Front. Several villages have sent up applications for the grant of waste and scrub land for the cultivation of potatoes and food grains.

WEST GODAVARI.—The District Organizer of the National War Front carried on intensive propaganda in all the villages. A conference of the Elementary School Teachers of Tanuku taluk was addressed by the District Organizer. Propaganda material was distributed throughout the district.

SOUTH ARCOT.—A public meeting was held at Tiruvendipuram on August 16 which was addressed by Mr. P. T. Rajagopalachari, member of the District War Committee. The Sub-Collector addressed a public meeting



Photograph of a model aircraft carrier. The model aircraft were made by the pupils of the Government Training School, Bimilipatam, Vizagapatam district.

at Alagramam. Besides these two meetings, 13 more were held in all the important centres in the district which were addressed by the Honorary Divisional Organizers, District Organizer and others.

EAST GODAVARI.—The staff of the National War Front held 194 public meetings in the district. Besides these, they also held a number of informal talks at *shandies*, reading circles and residences. The special feature of this month was the combined Training Class for taluk propagandists held at Rajahmundry for both East and West Godavary districts from August 24 to 29. Rao Saheb J. C. Ryan, Assistant Director of War Publicity, was present during the sessions.

Special public meetings were held at Divancheruvu, Dowlaishwaram and Rajanagaram. Rao Sahib J. C. Ryan attended two of these meetings. Mr. T. Bhaskara Rao, I.C.S., District Collector, East Godavari, and Khan Sahib Mahammad Ismail Sahib, Sub-Collector, Rajahmundry, attended one meeting.

The District Organizer toured Cocanada, Ramachandrapuram, Peddapur, Yellavaram and Rajahmundry taluks. He conducted 15 public meetings. He addressed a public meeting at Ramachandrapuram held under the auspices of the Recruitment Sub-Committee which was presided over by the District Collector. He also addressed another public meeting held at Pandalapaka which was attended by the labourers of two cotton mills. The President of the Recruitment Sub-Committee also spoke on the occasion. The District Organizer also arranged for special prayers to be offered in the famous Bhimeswara temple at Draksharama for the victory of the Allies.

A war short "Our Valiant Neighbour" was exhibited at a cinema in Cocanada. It was well-received. The following posters and leaflets were distributed: Posters: "India Roused"; "False Rumours Create Panic." "Do Not Leave Your Post." Leaflets: "War in Pictures." "The Enemy has Two Voices." "Grow More Food Crops".

The staff of the National War Front were received cordially by the villagers in the course of their tours. Posters were exhibited in thoroughfares and other important places and the leaflets distributed far and wide in the district.

CUDDAPAH.—Members of the Propaganda Sub-Committee held public meetings in 19 villages. The Revenue Divisional Officer of Rajampet held propaganda meetings in 13 villages. The District Organizer of the National War Front addressed several public meetings.

War Canteen slides showing the amenities provided for Indian troops in the Middle East and bombers of the Madras Squadron were exhibited in the cinemas at Proddatur and Cuddapah and by the District Health Officer, Cuddapah, in his lantern lectures. Deacon Meshach of the Slums of India Mission, Madras, toured the district from 17 to 28 August and delivered lectures in seven villages.

Besides the staff of the National War Front, the Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars and members of the Divisional and Taluk War Committees also took a keen interest in the public meetings.

ANANTAPUR.—The District Organizer enrolled a number of members for the National War Front. War Propaganda literature was distributed by the Revenue officials and Taluk propagandists.

Two war shorts, "Citizen Fireman," and "Our Valient Neighbour" were screened in the cinemas at Anantapur and Hindupur. The Poona Military Film unit exhibited war films at Anantapur, Kadiri and other important places in the district. In Anantapur about 3,000 people and at Kadiri about 5,000 people were present at the show.

CHITTOOR.—The District Organizer, and the Divisional Organizers carried on effective propaganda all over the district. Non-officials also took a prominent part in the meetings.

NORTH ARCOT.—Advantage was taken of the Karthigai festival to distribute War Propaganda literature. Public meetings held at Aaduvanthangal and Tirumanai in Gudiyattam taluk, at Veppampet in Vellore taluk and at Devikapuram in Arni sub-taluk were addressed by the District Organizer. The Revenue Divisional Officer of Tiruvannamalai held two public meetings at Tiruvannamalai and Thanipady, respectively. Informal talks were given by the District Organizer, District Lecturer and the Taluk Propagandists in various villages in Vellore, Gudiyattam and Arni taluks.

The "Grow More Food" campaign was carried on intensively by the Taluk Propagandists as a result of which (according to the District Organizer's report), "several hundreds of acres of uncultivated land have been brought under the plough."

MALABAR.—Under the auspices of the National War Front, meetings were conducted in many towns and villages in the district. Besides the staff of the National War Front, prominent non-officials also took part in propaganda work. A public meeting was held in Calicut on August 29, under the presidentship of the District Collector. The speakers were: Mrs. Anandavalli Padmanabhan Nair, Mr. R. Lakshmanan, District Munsif, Calicut, and Mr. K. M. K. Nair, Public Prosecutor, Tellicherry.

SALEM.—Public meetings were held in all important places by the District Organizer, in which officials and non-officials also participated. A public meeting was held at Nanganur, Dharmapuri taluk, on August 8 when the Revenue Divisional Officer of Dharmapuri presided. Public meetings were also held at Mallur, Ayodiapatnam and Valapadi villages in Salem taluk on August 12, 13 and 20 respectively, which were addressed by the District Organizer. The District Organizer also addressed a public meeting at Panamarathupatti on August 21. War Propaganda literature such as handbills and leaflets were distributed all over the district.

NELLORE.—A number of propaganda meetings were held in various divisions as follows: Kavali division, 10; Kandukur division, 41; Gudur division, 28; Nellore division, 4. The Revenue Divisional Officers, Kandukur, Gudur and Nellore, presided over the meetings held in their divisions. The District Organizer addressed eight meetings.

War lantern slides were exhibited in important places in Kavali taluk, when the Revenue Inspectors gave explanatory talks. The Health Inspector of Podili also exhibited slides in his jurisdiction. The local cinemas at Kavali and Gudur and the touring cinemas in Naidupet and Sulurpet also exhibited the slides.

KISTNA.—The District Organizer and Lecturer toured the district for 16 days and addressed important public meetings. They also held a number of informal talks with villagers. They inspected 24 reading circles.

Combined training classes for the District Propagandists of Kistna, Guntur and Nellore districts were held at Guntur from August 10 to 14. Rao Sahib J. C. Ryan, Assistant Director of War Publicity, watched the training class at work. He also addressed two largely-attended public meetings at Chebrole and Prattipadu in Guntur district.

GUNTUR.—The District Organizer and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenali, carried on an intensive campaign in the villages in Tenali taluk. The District Organizer toured Narasaraopet and Palnad taluks and delivered propaganda lectures. War literature such as handbills and leaflets were distributed all over the district.

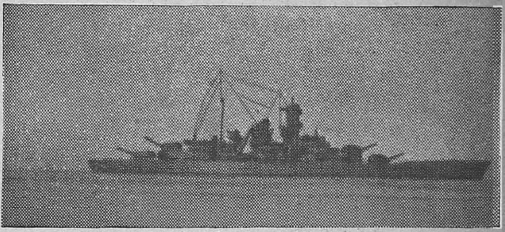
TINNEVELLY.—To counteract the dangers involved in the Wardha Resolution, it was arranged that mass meetings should be held on August 7. Altogether, 85 meetings were held all over the district on this occasion. The Honorary Organizer, Tinnevelly taluk, delivered 14 lectures in the course of one week and presided over a public meeting held in Palamcottah and later addressed a mass meeting in Tinnevelly. The Honorary Organizer, Srivaikuntam, arranged two meetings at Tuticorin which were addressed by Mr. J. L. P. Roche-Victoria, M.L.A.

A mass meeting was held at Koilpatti on August 18, presided over by the Revenue Divisional Officer, and addressed by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, the District Munsif of Koilpatti and the District Organizer.

Following is the number of National War Front Committees formed in the taluks; Koilpatti 70; Srivaikuntam 6; Ambasamudram 17; Sankarankoil 52; Tinnevelly 21; Tiruchendur 17.

A public meeting was held at Sankarankoil on August 5, presided over by Rao Sahib R. Narayanasami Nayudu, O.B.I., Subadar-Major. Mr. T. S. Ramalingam, District Lecturer, addressed the meeting on "The Wardha Resolution." He also addressed meetings at Naduvakurichi and Koilpatti on August 3 and 6, respectively.

The District Organizer, the District Lecturer and two Taluk Honorary Organizers attended the refresher course held at Virudunagar. The District Educational Officer,



SCALE MODEL OF "BISMARCK".—One of the exhibits u attracts most attention in 'Victory House' to-day is the scale mod the "BISMARCK", the German battleship which was sunk on her cruise by the Royal Navy on May 27, 1942. This model, which is in length, was entirely constructed by Masters P. A. Town M. J. Nicoll. They have very kindly lent it to Victory House to raise subcriptions for the R.I.N. War Purposes Fund. (Photog of the model appears above.)

Tinnevelly, delivered propaganda lectures at the Teachers' Association meetings at Tinnevelly, Tenkasi and Kadayanallur.

War films, such as, "It is Navy," "Battle for Britain," "Air Women," "Overseas" were exhibited in the cinemas at Tinnevelly Junction, Tuticorin and Koilpatti. The District Health Officer, Tinnevelly, held 37 lantern shows. The Tinnevelly Municipal Sanitary staff held 25 lantern lectures.

CHINGLEPUT.—Propaganda meetings were held in all the important centres in the district. Propaganda materials such as "Weekly Commentary," "Talking Points," "Weekly News Report," "Middle East Review" and "Indian Information" were received and distributed. Lantern slides entitled "Pledge," "His Highness the Duke of Gloucester's visit to Madras," "Battle School," "Battle Front," etc., were shown all over the district.

KURNOOL.—Apart from the National War Front staff, the Revenue subordinates held 54 propaganda meetings in various centres in the district.

TANJORE.—Public meetings, 64 in number, were held and 577 new members were enrolled for the National War Front. War shorts and lantern slides were exhibited in cinemas.

RAMNAD.—Altogether 36 meetings were held in the district. Six meetings were addressed by the District Organizer and 14 by the District Lecturer. A public meeting held at Mudukalathur on August 3 was presided over by Mr. Palanichami Thevar, 2nd Lieutenant of the 3rd Madras Regiment. Another meeting was held at Sivakasi on August 5 under the presidentship of Mr. Dharmaraja Nadar, retired Assistant Labour Commissioner of Rangoon. Mrs. Azariah, B.A., L.T. (wife of the Income-tax Officer), Virudhunagar, presided over a mass meeting held on August 4. All leading non-officials and merchants were present.

An inter-district refresher course for Madura-Ramnad-Tinnevelly districts was held at Virudhunagar from August 16 to 21. Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader, visited the classes on August 18.

Rao Sahib J. C. Ryan, Assistant Director of War Publicity, also visited Virudhunagar at this time and gave practical instructions to the classes in the matter of carrying on propaganda.

Propaganda Vans

Following is the report on the working of the propaganda vans for the month of August :—

(1) *MSC.* 3438. (Simpson's Gift Van) toured in Chittoor district from 4th to 8th August 1942 but was out of action from 26th to 31st August 1942 for repairs to the projector and the generating plant. It returned to Chittoor after repairs on 25th August 1942.

(2) *MSC.* 6946 toured in Trichinopoly district up to the 7th of August visiting 12 villages. On the 8th it proceeded to South Arcot district and was touring the whole of the month in that district.

(3) *Van No.* 6947.—The services of this van were utilized during the visit of His Excellency the Governor to Coimbatore on 7th August 1942. After carrying out necessary repairs at Coimbatore the van continued its tour in that district from 13th August 1942. It visited 15 villages during its tour for the whole of the month.

(4) *Van No.* 6983 toured in Vizagapatam district for the whole of the month visiting 54 villages except during the usual rest and overhaul period.

(5) *Van No.* 6984 was under repair at Nellore from 1st August to 10th August 1942. The van started touring villages in that district from 11th August 1942, visiting 34 villages up to the end of the month.

(6) *Van No.* 6985.—This van, though exclusively allotted to Kistna district, was sent to Guntur district for the Centenary celebrations of the Lutheran Mission held at Guntur from the 30th July to 1st August on the request of the Collector of Guntur (as was reported in the last month's review). The van was retained in Guntur district till the 17th of August for use during the combined training classes for propagandists. The van returned to Kistna district during the latter half of the month and visited 11 villages in the month.

(7) *Van No.* 7160 toured for the whole of the month in Ramnad district. The van was specially detained at Virudunagar from 14th to 22nd August 1942 to exhibit films, etc., during the Refresher course.

(8) *Van No.* 7167 did propaganda work in Anantapur district till the 12th of August 1942, visiting 10 villages. It then proceeded to Kurnool district for propaganda work during the rest of the month. No report has been received regarding the work of the van in Kurnool district.

(9) *Van No.* 7162.—This van visited important centres in Calicut municipal area, giving exhibition of slides and films from the 20th of August onwards. The van was not in use earlier in the month as the projector required repairs.

(10) *Van No.* 7468.—This van toured in the Chingleput district the whole of the month, including in its itinerary exhibition of the following entertainment films to British and Indian troops stationed in and around the city of Madras :—

10th and 11th	Land without Music	English
13th to 15th	Rain Makers	English
26th to 28th	Muzaffir	Hindi
29th to 31st	Divali	Hindi

In addition to the above films, a boxing film "Farr-Louis Fight" was also exhibited to troops.

(11) *Van No.* 7536 was working in the city under the charge of the City Organizer. The Projector, generating plant and other equipment to be fitted to this van arrived from Calcutta recently and the van will be fully equipped shortly.

(12) *Van No.* 7537.—The equipment for this van also has been received and as soon as the fitting is completed, this van will be allotted to a district.

The following *three* vans are being utilized for National War Front Propaganda in the respective districts:—

(1) Madura District Bomber Van.

(2) East Godavari District Board Van: The van visited 45 villages and attended the combined training classes for propagandists held at Rajahmundry.

(3) Guntur District Health Van: This van was inspected by the Assistant Director of Publicity and the Operator Mechanic to find out what other items of equipment could be fitted to the van, to make it more useful for propaganda.

Forthcoming additions.—Orders have been placed for a 16 mm. Projector and generating placed for a 16 mm. projector and generating review. The construction of bodies for the two chassis purchased from Messrs. Burmah Shell Company last month is not yet completed.

In addition, two of the vans ordered from Calcutta have arrived. Arrangements are in progress to fit these with cinema projectors, etc., and it is proposed to allot them shortly to districts which have not so far had separate vans.

The Veterinary Department Van which was placed at the disposal of Victory Mobile Sales Van Committee has now been handed over to this department. After equipping the van with a cinema projector, it is proposed to utilize it exclusively for cinema shows to the troops.

Films.—The following films were received from the Film Advisory Board, Bombay, for distribution to the vans:—

(*a*) Our Valiant Neighbour.

(*b*) A Gallant Effort.

(*c*) Aiming High.

(*d*) Our American Allies.

Tamil copies of the above films were sent to van No. 6946 and the Telugu copies to van No. 6984 (Nellore district).

The comic film "Mother Gocse Goes Hollywood" was returned. The six other comic films referred to in the previous review were re-distributed among the vans.

Slides.—The following slides were distributed to vans during the month of August:—

(1) His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester's visit to Madras.

(2) War photographs.

(3) Battle schools.

(4) Armoured carriers.

War Committees, Depots, Etc.

Propaganda Sub-Committee

There were two meetings of the Propaganda Sub-Committee, one on August 3 and the other on August 24. The following leaflets were approved for publication:—

(i) The enemy has two voices;

(ii) Urdu war ballads by Ahmed Badsha Ahmed Sahib Bahadur of Mettupalayam, Vaniyambadi.

A reduction in the number of copies of leaflets published by the Propaganda Sub-Committee both in English and in the Indian languages by 50 per cent was suggested and approved, and the Director of War Publicity was authorized to allocate the number of copies printed in each of the languages to each district in consultation with the distributing authorities concerned.

The Sub-Committee was of opinion that leaflets should reach the parties concerned as soon as possible after their publication.

To facilitate quick printing of leaflets issued by the Sub-Committee the Director of War Publicity was requested to obtain the orders of Government authorizing him to arrange for their printing in private presses, whenever necessary, instead of Government Press.

Recruitment Sub-Committee

Lt.-Col. P. P. S. Saunders, Officer Commanding 10th Battalion, Madras Regiment, Coimbatore district, was co-opted as a member of the Recruitment Sub-Committee.

Comforts for Indian troops.—At the meeting of the Recruitment Sub-Committee on August 27, it was resolved to open tea stalls at the Madras Central, at Bezwada or Bapatla stations and at Guntakal to supply free tea and biscuits to Indian soldiers who are going northward or back to the city. A Sub-Committee consisting of Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai, Mrs. Clubwala and Mr. Nammalwar, Proprietor, Harrison and Company, Madras, was formed to work out the details of organizing this work. The Executive Committee of the Provincial War Committee was requested to sanction Rs. 2,000 in the first instance for this purpose.

Educational concessions to children and dependants of recruits to the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force.—Educational concessions granted to children of soldiers who take part in the present war in G.O. No. 272, Education, dated 16th February 1942, were

extended to children and dependants of recruits to the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force.

Sir Arthur Hope Club for Indian Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen.—Mr. P. Balasubramania Mudaliar was appointed Welfare Officer of the Sir Arthur Hope Club in place of Rao Sahib Albert Jesudasan, resigned.

Assistance to districts by the members of the Provincial Recruitment Sub-Committee to stimulate recruitment.—Recruitment in districts is progressing well and the number of recruits both for the technical and non-technical branches sent from this Province was proportionately greater than that from other provinces. Sir K. V. Reddi, Chairman, Recruitment Sub-Committee, addressed meetings in Nellore. Rao Bahadur M. Raman gave a Radio talk on the recent Congress resolution.

The Madras Provincial Selection Board met twice during the month of August and interviewed 69 candidates. Twenty-one were recommended for Commissions in the Land Forces, 5 for Navy and 11 for Air Force. Nine candidates were recommended for precadet training.

Death of Sir K.V. Reddy

We regret to record the death, on September 10, in Madras, of Sir K. V. Reddy, Chairman of the Recruitment Sub-Committee. Sir K. V. Reddy put his heart and soul into the work of the Recruitment Sub-Committee and of interviewing and selecting candidates for Emergency Commissions. He also took a prominent part in propaganda work, lecturing when and wherever possible and exhorting people to join the army. By his death, the Recruitment Sub-Committee has lost a wise and experienced Chairman.

Joint War Charities Depot

During the past two months, the Depot has been working at full pressure supplying amenities to the many Units stationed in and around Madras. Many of these are in remote places and one of the most frequent requests has been for battery wireless sets to enable them to keep in touch with world events.

Several Units have started their own Canteens and get all their supplies from the depot. The wants of the men cover a wide range from typewriters and fresh lime juice to garters and shoe polish, and the depot has been able to help them to fulfil most of these.

The depot's circulating Libraries for books and gramophone records have proved extremely popular and there have been so many fresh calls on them lately that there is some difficulty in meeting all requests adequately. Any gifts of old books, magazines, illustrated papers or records will be most gratefully received.

Communication with Prisoners of War in Japanese hands is now possible. It is recommended that letters should be brief and written only in English or Urdu. The address should, in all cases, be in English. No stamps need be affixed but the letters are posted in the ordinary way at the post office. Detailed instructions as to the correct method of address may be obtained from the Joint War Charities Depot.

Unfortunately it is not yet permissible to send individual parcels, but it has at long last been found possible to send supplies in bulk to prisoners of war in the Far East and just recently a ship sailed from an Indian port carrying 2,119 tons of Red Cross foodstuffs, medical comforts, etc. All the cargo space available was allotted to the Indian Red Cross. These supplies are intended for Indian and Asiatic prisoners of War and internees in Malaya. At the same time similar amounts have been shipped by the South African and Australian Red Cross Societies for the British and Dominion Prisoners of War and interness.

Madras District War Committee

The Entertainments Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee arranged a 'Sacred Recital' in aid of His Excellency the Governor's War Fund, under the distinguished patronage of the Honourable Lady Hope, on Saturday, August 15, at the St. Andrews' Church, Egmore, Madras.

The Soloists in the Sacred Concert were Coralie Taylor (Contralto), Meinert H. Grumm (Violin), D. N. Strathie (Baritone) and Handel Manual (Organ). No tickets were sold, but a silver Collection was made, which amounted to Rs. 160 or a little over. The Concert was a great success and was much appreciated by the audience.

The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee met twice during August and recommended 16 candidates out of 30 interviewed for the grant of King's Commission in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Propaganda Sub-Committee continued to distribute the war-Posters, War-in-Pictures and other War literature—received from time to time to the various institutions in the city.

St. John Ambulance Association, Tinnevelly

First Aid classes were held for the Special Medical Corps for Casualty Relief. Arrangements have been made to conduct examinations of those candidates who have completed their course of training.

Welfare Committees

WEST GODAVARI.—The welfare of the families of soldiers serving overseas was inquired into, regularly, by the Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors. Nine families in Narasapur taluk and 24 families in Tanuku taluk were visited.

SOUTH ARCOT.—The Sub-Collector, Tindivanam, inquired into the welfare of two families whose menfolk are serving overseas.

CHINGLEPUT.—All the Welfare Committees functioned well.

KURNOOL.—Women members were nominated on the Welfare Committees.

SALEM.—The Taluk Welfare Committee worked satisfactorily.

RAMNAD.—In Sattur taluk, the Welfare Committee met thrice in the month. A large number of families of soldiers serving overseas were present in Sattur to meet the Civil Liaison Officer (who had to cancel his tour programme at the last moment). Mr. P. J. Thomas, Tahsildar of Sattur, however, took down their statements and forwarded them to the Civil Liaison Officer. Members of the Taluk Welfare Committees inquired into the welfare of families whose menfolk are serving overseas.

Guindy Club

The "Guindy Club" for sodliers stationed near Guindy, Madras, was opened on August 17. The venture was made possible by a generous grant from His Excellency the Governor's War Fund and by the Methodist Mission of Madras which has given the use of the Bible Women's School at Guindy.

A good start has been made and the men are very appreciative of the amenities which the Club offers to them. "Snacks" together with tea, lime-juice, biscuits, cakes, milk, ice-cream etc., are sold. The numbers of the men coming to the Club vary from about thirty on a Thursday night to about sixty on Fridays and Saturdays. The Club is open all day, though lime juice and cigarettes are the only articles sold before four o'clock. In the camp the evening meal is served about six o'clock and soon after the men come over and there is generally a steady stream of them till about nine o'clock. If the "scorched earth" policy of the army cooks is followed in the frying of sausages etc., our sales are good and we have found them to vary from about Rs. 17 (the lowest) to Rs 40 (the highest). The writing and other rooms upstairs are open till 10 p.m. and the men appreciate greatly the amenities we offer there. Owing to the difficulties of obtaining helpers, on Sunday nights lime-juice and cigarettes only are sold but the Club rooms are always open.

The Committee wishes to place on record the gratitude which the men have often expressed that this Club should be made available for them.

Salvage and Waste Collections

TINNEVELLY.—The scrap iron, steel and waste paper committee met on August 27 and recorded the following collections :—

The Tahsildar of Tinnevelly, 4 mds. 66 lb. waste paper; the Tahsildar of Tenkasi, 2 mds. 12 lb. waste paper; the Tahsildar of Ambasamudram, 2 lb. waste paper; the Tahsildar of Tiruchendur, 7 gunny bags; the Tahsildar of Kovilpatti, 1 md. 2 lb. waste paper; the Tahsildar of Sankaranayinarkoil, 12 cwt. scrap iron; the Deputy Tahsildar of Anjengo, 49 lb. waste paper; the Deputy Tahsildar of Palamcottah, 2 bags waste paper.

The Tahsildar of Tinnevelly realized Rs. 78–0–8 and the Deputy Tahsildar of Anjengo Rs. 10–5–0 by sale of waste paper.

Financial Assistance to Evacuees

RAMNAD.—Rao Bahadur M. S. P. Senthikumara Nadar of Virudunagar donated 10 cwt. of waste paper. The Tahsildar of Tiruppattur collected 10 bags of waste paper.

TINNEVELLY.—A sum of Rs. 1,615 was distributed among 31 evacuees. Further, a sum of Rs. 685 was spent from the Provincial War Committee Fund for giving relief to 48 evacuees.

RAMNAD.—According to official computation, there are 5,053 evacuee families in the district. A sum of Rs. 16,732 was spent on inquiries and payment of relief. Government have been approached to sanction a Special Deputy Tahsildar. A District Labour Officer is engaged in securing work for the evacuees.

A scheme has been drawn up for opening a co-operative weaving society at Panaikulam. The proposal of opening a relief depot with a dispensary attached is being examined. The District Board has set apart Rs. 1,000 for this purpose.

Recruitment Activities

SOUTH KANARA.—One boy was sent up for recruitment to the Royal Indian Navy to undergo training in H.M.I.S. *Dilawar*. Three applications for Emergency Commissions were sent up to the Provincial Selection Board, Madras. Recruitment propaganda materials were distributed all over the district.

WEST GODAVARI.—In Kovvur taluk, 2 men were selected out of the 10 produced before the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer on August 22. In Ellore taluk, 75 persons were recruited. In Bhimavaram 8 were recruited and 9 in Tadepalligudem. The War Technicians Selection Committee met on

August 20 and selected 13 candidates. The Recruitment Sub-Committee met on August 20 and interviewed five candidates for Emergency Commission.

SOUTH ARCOT.—The total number of men recruited were 239. The District Committee for selection of candidates under the Technical Training Scheme met twice and selected 35 candidates.

ANANTAPUR.—The Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, Anantapur, recruited 62 men.

CHITTOOR.—The Assistant Recruiting Officer and the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer made an extensive tour all over the district. At a meeting of the Recruitment and Propaganda Sub-Committee of the District War Committee held on August 10, the District Organizer was requested to intensify propaganda in the district. A circular was also issued to all Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to give additional stimulus to village officers in the matter of recruitment.

NORTH ARCOT.—Recruitment figure up to August 24 was 716. Eight candidates were selected as War Technicians.

MALABAR.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed 17 candidates for Emergency Commission and recommended five. The District Technical Selection Committee interviewed 288 candidates and recommended 248 as War Technicians. One candidate was selected for the Cadet Training School.

SALEM.—The Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer visited all taluks in Salem district except Hosur taluk (because of the prevalence of plague).

NELLORE.—The War Technicians Selection Committee selected two candidates.

TINNEVELLY.—The total number of recruits of this district sent up during August by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Tinnevelly, was 628. Out of the seven applications received for the Viceroy's Commission, one was recommended and four were rejected. Two candidates were sent to the Cadet School. Twenty-six were selected as War Technicians. The staff of the Recruiting Office, Tuticorin, were given a free stall at the Indian Industrial Exhibition, Tuticorin. Eighteen recruits were obtained as a result of this.

CHINGLEPUT.—Up to August 26, the Deputy-Technical Recruiting Officer, Madras, obtained 44 recruits. The District Recruitment Sub-Committee met on August 20 and interviewed five candidates for Emergency Commission. The War Technicians Selection Committee met on August 15 and selected 19 candidates.

KURNOOL.—Owing to the efforts of Revenue subordinates, 121 recruits were obtained. The Recruitment Propaganda Sub-Committee met on August 31 and discussed ways and means to improve Recruitment in the district.

RAMNAD.—The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Sivaganga and Virudunagar, toured throughout the district. Altogether 340 men were recruited. The Selection Committee for War Technicians met on August 8 and 31 and selected 62 out of 75 candidates. One candidate was selected out of the four who applied for Emergency Commission.

TANJORE.—A meeting of the District Selection Committee was held on August 18, when 29 candidates were selected as War Technicians. Two candidates were sent to the Cadet Training School.

Following are the statistics available from the districts :—

Recruitment to the Army.—North Arcot 716; Tinnevelly 628; Ramnad 340; South Arcot 239; Kurnool 121; West Godavari 94; Anantapur 62; and Chingleput 44.

War Technicians.—Malabar 248; Ramnad 62; South Arcot 35; Tanjore 29; Tinnevelly 26; Chingleput 19; West Godavari 13; North Arcot 8; and Nellore 2.

Emergency Commission (recommended).—Malabar 5; West Godavari 5; South Kanara 3; and Ramnad 10.

Viceroy's Commission (recommended).—Tinnevelly 1.

Cadets' Training School (recommended).—Tinnevelly 2; Malabar 1; and Tanjore 1.

Royal Indian Navy.—South Kanara 1.

Village Reading Circles

The Director of War Publicity inspected the following Reading Circles during the month :—

Morepatty, Ayalur, Vadamadurai, Elliodu, Pullyampatti, Chittoor, Pilathur, Teynampatti, Panchampatti, Nillakottai, Batlagundu and Kodaikanal.

He also met the Secretaries of nine circles at Vedasandur and explained the revised methods of keeping records there, etc.

WEST GODAVARI.—The District Organizer and his staff carried out the inspection of the reading circles.

NORTH ARCOT.—The District Organizer inspected 35 reading circles. The Secretaries were given instructions how to turn out more efficient work.

TINNEVELLY.—All the reading circles continued to do efficient work, which was inspected by the District Organizer and

Lecturer. Reading circles exclusively for women were formed in Tiruchendur and Srivaikuntam taluks.

RAMNAD.—Consideration improvements have been made by the District Organizer, Lecturer and Revenue subordinates in the working of the reading circles. In Tiruppattur taluk all the 100 reading circles continued to function efficiently.

TANJORE.— All the reading circles in the district functioned satisfactorily. The District Organizer, National War Front, and officers of Revenue and other departments visited the reading circles at frequent intervals.

Govt. Depts. and War Effort

Co-operative Department

" Grow More Food " campaign instructions have been issued to Deputy Registrars regarding the propaganda drive to induce cultivators for increased crop production, to observe " the food-crop production week ". They will go round the villages along with officers of the Revenue and Agricultural departments, to witness the ploughing, deliver lectures and also arrange for the award of prizes in the shape of good seeds or manure. Three Land Colonization Societies have been organized in the **Coimbatore** district to promote the welfare of the landless poor and one society in **Kurnool** district is pending organization. Another colonization scheme at **Nanjanad** in the Nilgiris district is being investigaged by the District Collector. The reclamation of assessed waste and disafforested lands under the colonization scheme is a distinct contribution to the " Grow More Food " campaign. A paddy seed multiplication society has been registered in the **Kistna** district for the supply of manure and the raising of pure seed. An Agricultural Improvements Co-operative Society with jurisdiction over **Tiruvallur** taluk in Chingleput district has been organized. In **North Arcot** district, arrangements were made for the distribution of improved strains of paddy stocked to the extent of 9,540 lb. through eight co-operative societies in the **Walaja** and **Arni** taluks. At **Rajahmundry,** the co-operative staff purchased and distributed vegetable seeds worth Rs. 3 to the people free of cost for raising vegetable crops. In **Madura** district the Co-operative department distributed 2,000 maunds of seed potatoes besides an equal quantity distributed by the Agricultural department for the cultivation of potatoes in the upper Palnis.

Stores.—The co-operative stores have continued to exercise a steadying influence on the rising level of prices. They have inspired confidence among the members and the public for the supply of the necessaries of life, especially sugar and kerosene at the ' Control price ' fixed by Government. The Coimbatore Sugar Manufacturing Co-operative Society has taken to refining of palmyra jaggery into sugar, notwithstanding the unwillingness of the cane-growers to sell cane due to rise in the price of cane jaggery. It arranged with its sole agents Messrs. Rajah Trading Company to notify the place and time of sale of sugar in units of a viss per person and issued a ticket per head for presentation at the time of the purchase. More Co-operative Stores and Milk Supply Societies are being registered in several districts to meet the growing needs of the public. There is a move from the Collectors of Vizagapatam and South Arcot to entrust the District Co-operative Wholesale Stores with the storage and supply of certain food-stuffs during an emergency when the local dealers may close their shops and draft schemes have been sent up to Government for their approval.

Weavers' Societies.—Three Weavers' Societies in the Coimbatore district have supplied 1,894 yards of bandage and gauze cloth for hospital requirements. They also despatched 3,500 yards mazri cloth to the Madras Civil Pioneer Force, Bellary, and to the A.R.P. Controller, Bangalore. The South Arcot District Weavers' Societies were asked to supply 1·5 lakhs yards of bandage cloth and plaster of paris. The Cumbly Weavers' Society in Kurnool district has supplied 80 blankets to the A.R.P.

Propaganda.—The Co-operative Officers in the Nellore, East Godavari, Kurnool, Bellary, Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam districts have delivered lectures at the reading circles on the efforts of the United Nations for the successful prosecution of the war.

Engineering Department

Static Water-supply.—Eleven tanks were completed during the month making the total to 114 tanks. The total number of tanks including gunited tanks selected so far is 160 and many of them could not be proceded with for want of cement. One experimental tank without guniting or chicken mesh has been tried and work is nearly completed. Investigation on all 11 cases of filling in storm water drain with water from Cooum and Buckingham Canal has been completed and estimates for 10 are already sent to the Corporation.

Fire Stations.—All the 11 stations were completed and occupied.

Slit Trenches and Street Shelters.—Nearly, the major portion of the works as programmed has been completed. Uptodate slit trenches to accommodate nearly 35,000 people have been constructed and work on trenches to accommodate 1,000 people is in progress. So far 120 street shelters have been completed and 10 are in progress. Some of the estimates for refuge sites in Georgetown, Egmore, etc., Madras, have been received sanctioned from Government and the works will be put on hand shortly. More sites have since been selected.

Wardens' Posts.—Work on strengthening wardens' posts have been completed in respect of 287 posts and work in progress in the case of 8.

Aided Schools and Colleges.—Work in respect of 72 cases have been completed and that in the case of 42 is in progress.

The cement situation has again become acute due to heavy orders for Aerodrome Works and consequently many of the A.R.P. works have come to a stand still. Arrangements have been made to get some quantity by boats from Kistna Cement Works, which is arriving piecemeal.

Industries and Commerce Department

Supply of Blankets.—Out of the total order of 1,144 army blankets placed by the Deputy Inspector-General, Civil Defence, Madras, so far 572 army blankets have been manufactured and supplied to the various special A.R.P. Officers by the Presidents of the Societies, viz., Salkapuram, Kanumolu, Dharmajigudem and Messrs. Someshwar and Company, Hindupur.

Samples of gauze cloth were bleached and the results notified to the Yarn Commissioner. An estimate of cost is being made out for undertaking bulk bleaching in the institute.

Manufacture of mazri cloth was started in the relief centres and by the co-operative society at Adoni under the technical supervision of the Textile Inspector and an Assistant Demonstrator of the Government Textile Institute who are deputed for this purpose.

Supply of soaps for the troops.—The Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, is continuing to supply soaps for the comfort of the troops in large quantities against orders received from Red Cross Societies and other charitable bodies.

Training of War Technicians.—As usual the Government Industrial Schools attached to this department continued to train war technicians in various trades such as electricians, fitters, millers, turners, blacksmiths, carpenters and tin and copper smiths for employment in the Indian Army Ordnance Factories.

Engineering Work.—A test engine pumping set is engaged at Ulundurpet, South Arcot district, in connexion with the construction of a landing ground at the place.

Fisheries Section.—The usual propaganda meetings are being held by the Fisheries School staff in the villages and the war pamphlets received from time to time circulated among the staff and the public. The people are advised not to waste foodstuffs and they are also persuaded to increase cultivation of paddy, tapioca, ragi, etc.

An anti-Jap *Mela* representing the whole of Kurumbranad taluk was held at Chombala on the West Coast on July 12 and the headmaster, Medappalli School, rendered necessary help for the successful celebration of the *Mela*.

A.R.P. and other Defence Services.—Keen enthusiasm is evinced by the staff of this department in various Defence Services such as A.R.P. (General and Subsidiary schemes), Food Supply Scheme, etc.

Police Department

Two police constables have given their blood to the Blood Bank during the month.

Educational and Public Health Department

The following pamphlets, pictures and posters were distributed to the educational institutions during the month:

Youth's Clarion Call; the Fifth Columnist—A Dangerous Animal; Ratings of the Royal Indian Navy; Which way will the Scales Tip?; Carleless Talk; They are—Back them up.

Arrangements are being made by the Subordinate Officers to grow food crops in the compound of Government offices and institutions. Where the extent of the plot available is too small for the cultivation of food grains, the officers have taken steps to grow vegetables, pine-apples, plantains, tapioca, etc. Where, however, the extent of the plot and the soil and other conditions permit, as for instance in the compounds of the Government Muhammadan College, Madras, and Queen Mary's College, Madras, arrangements are being made to grow such crops as cumbu, cholam, ragi, etc.

Medical Department

1. (a) *Indian Medical Service (General Service).*—During the month under report applications from 12 candidates for appointment to the Emergency Cadre of the Indian Medical Service for service any where in the World were received. Nineteen candidates were medically examined and interviewed by the Madras Provincial (I.M.S.) Recruitment Committee. Out of this number 18 were

found fit and suitable and their applications have been forwarded to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

(*b*) *Indian Medical Service* (*Service in India only*).—Applications were received from 11 candidates for appointment to the Emergency Cadre of the Indian Medical Service for service in India. Sixteen candidates were medically examined and interviewed as to their physical fitness and suitability respectively. Out of this, 15 were found fit and suitable and their applications have been forwarded to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service for necessary action.

(*c*) *Indian Medical Service* (*Specialists*).—During the month under report only one application for appointment as a Specialist in the Emergency Cadre of the Indian Medical Service with the rank of Major was received. Intimation has been received from the Director-General, Indian Medical Service that the services of specialists in certain specified subjects are urgently required by the Army Department. Efforts are being made to recruit more specialists.

(*d*) *Indian Medical Service* (*Women's Branch*).—Recruitment to the military cadre of the Indian Medical Service (Women's Branch) has been temporarily suspended. No applications were received for this Branch of the service during the month under report. Two women Medical Practitioners, whose applications were already under the consideration of the Surgeon-General were medically examined and interviewed. The applications of both the candidates have been forwarded to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service as they were found fit and suitable.

II. (*a*) *Indian Medical Department* (*Assistant Surgeons, Indian Cadre*).—Out of the applications received from general practitioners up to end of July 1942 for appointment to the Emergency Branch of the Indian Medical Department for general service anywhere in the World, four were pending final disposal on 1st August 1942. No applications for appointment to this form of service were received during the month under report while six general medical practitioners applied for appointment to the Emergency Branch of the Indian Medical Department for service within Indian limits.

(*b*) Of the total of 10 applications (four for general service and six for local service) the application of one candidate for general service was rejected as he was found unsuitable. Of the remaining nine applications four were found fit and suitable for local service and one for general service. The remaining four applications (two for general service and two for local service) are pending for want of certain documents, etc.

(*c*) During the month under report, the services of three private Medical Practitioners were placed at the disposal of the military department for recruiting duties, etc.

III. *Civil Doctors* (*Graduates*) *for employment in Military Hospitals in India.*—Application was received from one Medical Graduate for appointment as a Civilian Doctor in Military Hospitals in the Madras Military District during the month of August 1942. Besides the single vacancy referred to in the last month's report two other vacancies of the Civil Medical Practitioners arose during the month under report one on account of a Civilian Doctor at Bangalore proceeding to join the Indian Medical Service and the other consequent on the resignation of another Civil Medical Practitioner at Trichinopoly. Two out of the three vacancies were filled up during the month and the question of filling the remaining vacancy in consultation with the Military authorities is now under consideration.

IV. *Civil Doctors* (*Licentiates*) *for employment in Military Hospitals in India.*—The one vacancy which remained unfilled during last month was filled up during the month under report. Besides this, eight more vacancies occurred; seven vacancies consequent on the expansion of the cadre and one consequent on the resignation of one of the Civilian Doctors (Licentiates) already appointed. Steps have been taken to fill up these vacancies as early as possible.

Two fresh applications were received during the month of August 1942 from Licentiate Medical Practitioners for appointment as Civilian Doctors (Licentiates). Both the applications were rejected.

V. *Recruitment of Anti-malaria Medical Officers and Assistants in Military Stations in India.*—Recruitment to the categories of service mentioned above has been temporarily suspended in accordance with the instructions received from the Military department. Two applications for appointment as Anti-malaria Assistants received during the month under report have been registered and the candidates concerned informed that they will be called up for medical examination and interview, if and when their services are required at any time in the future.

VI. *Compounders, Radiographers and Laboratory Assistants.*—The progress made towards the Recruitment of Compounders and Radiographers to war service during August 1942 is detailed below:—

—	Number of applications received.	Number of interviewed.	Number of fit.	Number of unfit.
Compounders.	23	7	7	..
Radiographers.	4	2	2	..

VII. *Army Nursing Services—(a) Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary).*—During August 1942, two applications from Nurses in Government service were received for appointment to the Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary). One private Nurse applied through the Military authorities. Two private Nurses and two Government Nurses were selected for appointment to the Service.

With a view to accelerate the recruitment of Nurses for war service, an appeal signed by Her Excellency the Hon'ble Lady Hope has been sent to all the trained Nurses employed in Government and Mission Hospitals.

Male Nurses.—Two applications were received during the month for appointment as Male Nurses in the Indian Medical Department. Two candidates were selected for appointment and directed to report for duty on 1st September 1942.

(*b*) *Auxiliary Nursing Service.*—There are at present 75 candidates under training of the various training centres of the Province. The candidates are taking their training under the old regulations, i.e., non-residential for a period of three months. As according to the advance information received from Delhi, it is understood that in future only candidates possessing the qualification of Matriculation standard upward will be recruited for training, etc., under the revised rules. Efforts are being made to reserve as many applications as possible for future selection which satisfy this condition.

GENERAL.

I. *War efforts with reference to A.R.P. (Medical)—(a) A.R.P. beds.*—Consequent to the extension of A.R.P. measures to Bezwada, Vizianagram and Arkonam arrangements are being made to provide 20 beds in the St. Anne's Hospital, Bezwada, 17 beds in the Maharaja's Hospital, Vizianagram, 10 beds in Maharani's Hospital, Vizianagram and about 20 to 30 beds in the Local Fund Hospital, Arkonam, for the treatment of air-raid casualties.

(*b*) *Blood bank.*—A sub-committee of influential non-official persons has been constituted for collecting volunteer donors of blood for the Madras Blood Bank. The Government have sanctioned the training of 15 Medical Officers attached to the Government Medical Institutions in classes I and II vulnerable towns in Blood Transfusion Service at the King Institute, Guindy and the Government General Hospital, Madras. Sanction of Government for the supply of Blood Transfusion apparatus to certain Government Hospitals is awaited.

The total number of donors of blood and the amount of plasma available up to 15th August 1942 is furnished below:—

Institute.	Number of donors.	Amount of plasma available.	
King Institute, Guindy.	1,258	167,375	c.c.
King George Hospital, Vizagapatam.	81	3,295	"
Pasteur Institute, Coonoor.	84	8,550	"
Erskine Hospital, Madura.	41	2,650	"
Total ..	1,763	182,500	c.c.

The amount of plasma necessary for one case is about 500 c.c. There is plasma available for nearly 365 cases at minimal doses.

About 700 prisoners in the various Jails have offered to give their blood. As facilities for sending the Unit from the King Institute, Guindy for collecting the blood from these donors are not yet available arrangements are being made to utilize the donors in the Jails at Vellore, Coimbatore, Madura and Vizagapatam for the present. The question of starting a blood bank at Coimbatore is under consideration. It is understood that the Defence Department of the Government of India have decided to meet half the expenses incurred by Provincial Governments on the Blood Bank.

(*c*) *A.R.P. Subsidiary Schemes.*—The A.R.P. subsidiary schemes for the Government Medical Institutions in Madras City have been revised and the strength of paid personnel has been reduced. The Government have ordered that a monthly report on the progress of A.R.P. Subsidiary Schemes of the Government Offices in Madras City should be submitted to them.

II. *A.R.P. Medical Organization in the Madras Fortress Area First Aid Posts—(a) City.*—For the 28 First Aid Posts in the City, there are now 77 doctors, 136 Nurses and 204 First Aiders (paid 75 and voluntary 129). The fall in the number of doctors and nurses is due to resignations and transfer, leave, etc., among Corporation doctors and nurses.

(*b*) *Mofussil.*—For the 5 first-aid posts in the mofussil, there are 14 doctors, 8 nurses auxiliary nurses, 50 paid first-aiders, 10 lay and 35 first-aiders (paid 12 and voluntary 23).

(*c*) *Mobile first-aid posts.*—For the 5 mobile first-aid posts, there are 10 doctors, 20 personnel and 10 drivers.

First-aid parties.—Out of 155 parties required, there are at present 92 parties (paid 86 and voluntary 6). Sanction of Government is awaited to recruit more paid first-aiders to form more parties.

Ambulances.—Out of 77 ambulances required, there are now 49 ambulances (47 A.R.P. owned and 2 by Joint War Charities). Five more ambulances belonging to the Government City Hospitals are also available for A.R.P. work. There are 98 ambulance attendants (92 paid and 6 voluntary).

Cars for first-aid parties.—Out of 155 cars required, there are now 105 cars (94 A.R.P. owned and 11 volunteered).

Cars for sitting cases.—Out of 52 cars required, there are now 19 cars, all volunteered.

Recruitment and training.—Recruits selected to be appointed as paid first-aiders are being given training in basic and first-aid in St. Ebba's Girls' High School, Mylapore. Courses of first-aid lectures are being conducted for volunteers by Dr. Norman and by the Assistant Casualty Officer in the Victory House in the evenings. First-aiders attached to first-aid posts and mobile posts are being trained in stretcher drill, parade and team work by the Instructor and the Assistant Casualty Officer. They are also being trained in dressing surgical cases in the out-patient and casualty departments of the three area hospitals, Corporation and Government Dispensaries.

The St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade.—In order to facilitate the training of the general public in first-aid, home nursing and A.R.P. and anti-gas measures, 3 local centres of the Association in the City of Madras and 17 in sea-port towns and vulnerable areas of this Presidency have been formed. During the past 8 months over 3,500 first-aid, home nursing, and A.R.P. certificates have been issued. One of the officers of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas from Madras is being deputed to undergo the Instructors' course at the Civil Defence Instructors' School, Calcutta, commencing from 21st October 1942. This Officer on return will train St. John Ambulance Instructors up to the standard of Class III Instructors.

For co-ordinating the work of St. John's in the Nilgiris, a "Nilgiris Corps" composed of 2 ambulance divisions and 1 nursing division has been formed. The Corps is officered by Lt.-Col. A. I. Cox, I.M.S., Rao Bahadur M. S. Raghavan, Mrs. Watts and Mrs. South. An Ambulance Division was formed at Peelamedu, Coimbatore district.

The members of the "Trichinopoly", "Coimbatore" and "Coimbatore A.C.R.I." Ambulance Divisions have volunteered for A.R.P. work in their stations and are participating in A.R.P. Practices.

Educational Concessions to Children of Soldiers

The Government are pleased to sanction the grant of the following educational concessions to the children of soldiers who take part in the present war and who are not in affluent circumstances :—

(1) The children will be exempt from payment of tuition fees in all grades of educational institutions, elementary, secondary and collegiate, arts and professional; and

(2) they will be granted an allowance for the purchase of books, etc., subject to the maximum limits specified below :—

	Maximum limit per annum for each child. Rs.
Elementary schools ..	5
Secondary schools :—	
Primary department ..	5
Middle school department (Forms I to III) ..	10
High School department (Forms IV to VI) ..	20
Arts Colleges :—	
Intermediate course ..	40
Degree course	50
Professional Colleges and Schools. ..	Actual cost of Books purchased.

(3) Children who enjoy fee remission in secondary schools under (1) above will be exempt from payment of fees for admission to the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Public Examination.

For the purposes of these concessions the word "soldiers" will mean all personnel enrolled under the Indian Army Act whose terms of service include the liability to serve overseas in a theatre of war. The concessions will be granted on production by the pupil or student concerned of a certificate that the pupil or student is too poor to continue his studies without the concession, signed by an officer of the Revenue department not lower in rank than a Deputy Tahsildar or Sub-Magistrate. Children admitted to the concessions will be allowed to retain them throughout their studies, which may include more than one course of study. The concessions will, however, be withdrawn from those who are detained for more than two years in one and the same class.

The Government desire that the concessions should be granted in all institutions, whether under public or under private management. The Director of Public Instruction is authorized to compensate managements of aided institutions for the loss on account of the grant of exemption from fees, the compensation being added to the teaching grant payable to the institutions. He is also requested to arrange for the disbursement of the allowance for books, etc., through departmental officers in the case of all institutions, Government, Board and Municipal and Aided. Other heads of departments who have professional or technical colleges or schools under their control are also requested to arrange for the grant of the concessions in those institutions.

Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force

By the Government Orders No. 1153, Education, dated 14th August 1942, certain educational concessions have been granted to the children, brothers and sisters of soldiers and of persons recruited to the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force, studying in schools and colleges of this Province. The Government now extend these concessions to the wives of these persons also subject to the conditions specified in the Government Orders in question.

Free Supply of Clothing to Air Raid Victims

The Government have decided that free clothing should be supplied to in-patients in all the city hospitals (including those maintained by the Corporation of Madras) whose houses may be demolished in air raids. For this purpose a reserve stock of clothing up to 20 per cent of the daily average in-patient attendance will be stocked in each hospital. The scale of supply will be one dhoti and one towel to a male patient and one saree and one jacket for a female patient.

On receiving representation that a patient's house has been demolished in an air raid and that the patient is in need of clothing, the Superintendent of the hospital should, as far as possible, verify the accuracy of the statement from the A.R.P. Divisional Warden concerned and provide the patient with clothing on the scale mentioned above at the time of discharge of the patient from the hospital. The Superintendent need not wait for information from the Divisional Warden in all cases and he may supply the clothing if he considers that there is *prima facie* a case for such supply.

The Surgeon-General is authorized to incur an expenditure not exceeding Rs. 1,650 in this connexion. He should arrange for the purchase of the clothing required and for its distribution to the hospitals. The clothing purchased should be of the cheapest variety.

The Connemara Public Library

In addition to the pamphlet, namely, " Two years of War " being a summary of important matters connected with the Indian Defence Service with special reference to the year 1940–41 and " Weekly Commentary " received from the Government of India, Defence Department and " The Counters and Background Material " received from the Director, Counter-Propaganda Directorate, the Government of India, this library is regularly in receipt of the leaflet issued by the Madras Provincial War Committee and the publications issued by the British Ministry of Information (viz., War in Pictures and Neptune), all of which are being assembled on the readers' tables where they are widely read by the public. The War propaganda pictures issued by the local propaganda committee are also being exhibited in prominent places in the Library.

" Grow More Food "

As part of the proposals connected with the " Grow more food campaign " the Government have sanctioned a proposal of the Director of Agriculture for the multiplication and distribution of cumbu, strain No. 8 in the Koilpatti taluk, Tinnevelly district, during the current year at a cost not exceeding Rs. 600.

Food Production Week.—The Government have directed that a ' Food Production Week ' be celebrated in the rural areas in all the districts of this Presidency. The Board of Revenue has been requested to draw up in consultation with the Director of Agriculture a sample programme for the week which can be adopted in all the districts with such deviations or modifications as may be necessary having regard to the local conditions. They have directed that the officers and the subordinates of the various departments in the district to co-operate with the Revenue department in making the week a success and to stress during the week the concessions granted by them to encourage the cultivation of more food crops and the necessity to grow more food. They have also instructed that the celebrations may be in a convenient week other than the one, if any, selected by Mr. N. G. Ranga, but that it should be well in advance of the principal sowing season.

Free distribution of seed.—The Government have sanctioned the proposal of the Director of Agriculture for the distribution, at his discretion, of seed free of cost to poor and deserving ryots, who are willing to bring uncultivate lands under cultivation of food crops at a cost not exceeding Rs. 2,400 during the current year.

TINNEVELLY.—Seven cases of tank bed cultivation for dry food crops have been permitted in Tenkasi and Radhapuram sub-taluks. It was decided to celebrate a " Food Production Week " in September.

RAMNAD.—Instructions have been issued to all Taluk officers to encourage ryots to grow more food and take advantage of the facilities offered by Government. A Sub-Committee of the District War Committee will be soon formed to co-ordinate this branch of work.

Requisitioning of Vacant Lands

The Government appreciate the co-operation of landowners and the public in their efforts to bring all suitable and under cultivation with food crops. They are, however, informed that in certain areas and in private ownership which could be brought under cultivation with food crops is being left uncultivate without good cause. In view of the need to increase the production of food crops the Government have decided in suitable cases to requisition such cases should be made to officers of the cultivation of food crops on payment of a reasonable rental which will be paid to the landowner as compensation. Applications for such cases should be made to officers of the Revenue Department.

Price Control

Rent control.—In March 1942, the Madras House Rent Control Order, 1941, was extended to the whole province except the city of Madras. In view of the reports from certain areas in the Madras City of profiteering in house rents by owners of residential houses, the Government have now decided to extend the Control Order to the city also. The Controller for determining fair rents will be the Deputy Collector appointed as Personal Assistant to the Collector of Madras.

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that profiteering in rents is not confined to residential buildings only, but is prevalent also in the case of buildings used for storage accommodation. The Government have therefore decided that rents for such buildings should also be controlled, and have accordingly issued the Madras Godown Rent Control Order, 1942, under rule 81 (2) (*ba*) of the Defence of India Rules. The order is on the same lines as the House Rent Control Order and will apply to all areas in the province. The Controller for determining fair rents will also be the same as for house rents.

Check on Hoarding

RAMNAD.—Notifications were issued under section 81 (2) of the Defence of India Rules fixing the price of sugar, kerosene and wheat. They had the desired effect. The issue of a notification to prevent hoarding of rice and paddy is under consideration. A poor man's depot has been opened at Rajapalayam under the auspices of the Rajapalayam Chamber of Commerce, with the Sub-Collector, Sivakasi, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sivakasi, and the Tahsildar, Srivilliputtur, as members of the Managing Committee.

Relief to Weavers

RAMNAD.—The Special Revenue Inspector, Aruppukottah, appointed to distribute dole to the unemployed and distressed weavers, is still engaged in the work under the direction of the Deputy Tahsildar, Aruppukottah. A scheme has been drawn up to open a Weavers' Co-operative Society at Aruppukottah to supply yarn and purchase the finished product. The scheme is awaiting the sanction of the Government. The Co-operative Society at Pulıampatty has enrolled 44 weavers at Aruppukottah as members. So far, Rs. 10,065 has been given away as dole.

Civil Defence: A.R.P. Organisation

[See also above under Engineering Department and Medical Department.]

TINNEVELLY.—Twenty-seven rovers were enlisted as volunteers to undergo first-aid training. A training camp for this purpose will be conducted at Palamcottah from September 13 to 16.

Ladies of Tuticorin, interested in A.R.P., have formed a W.A.R.P.C. of which Her Excellency Lady Hope is the President. The Madras headquarter has appointed Dr. (Miss) Asirvatham as Branch Leader of Tuticorin.

Four stalls were rented for demonstration and exhibition at the Indian Industries Exhibition at Tuticorin. The local cinema gave a free exhibition of A.R.P. films. Fifteen "incidents" practices were held in various parts of the town.

Two special public meetings were addressed by the Publicity Officer.

Twenty-five wardens' posts are fully manned. A refresher course was held for the staff wardens. The District Lecturer gave a talk on A.R.P. to the Women Teachers' Association on August 29.

MALABAR.—All the A.R.P. arrangements were completed in Cochin. Satisfactory arrangements were made at Calicut, Tellicherry and Cannanore.

SALEM.—Lighting restrictions were observed rigorously in Salem town. The A.R.P. staff officer and instructors returned from training and wardens are now being trained.

RAMNAD.—A.R.P. arrangements at Mandapam were completed. Black-out was in force in all towns in the district, except Srivilliputtur taluk.

TANJORE.—The A.R.P. at Negapatam continued to work well. The A.R.P. scheme for Tanjore has been approved by the Government and put into operation.

Review of Radio Programmes

Madras Station

"From the deserts of Egypt to the jungle-clad hills of Assam, down the long length of this Presidency and far and wide over the waters of the Indian Ocean, Madrasi units take their place side by side with their comrades from northern India and from other parts of our Commonwealth, and are rendering magnificent service in this war for the defence of civilization and the common liberties of mankind. . . Surely it is our duty to see that the lives of such brave soldiers are made as comfortable as their circumstances permit."

Thus observed His Excellency the Governor of Madras in a special broadcast from this station at 7-15 p.m. on August 8, appealing for contribution to provide comforts and amenities for the fighting forces.

During the month under review, the usual news talks and news reviews in the four principal languages of the Presidency (Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada) were continued and in addition a variety of talks on topics of war were also broadcast. The significance of the Solomon Islands battle, Axis misrepresentation regarding the Dieppe raid, the importance of Brazil's declaration of war, Stalin-Churchill meeting were some of the principal topics on which talks were radiated from this centre.

The new series of fortnightly talks in Telugu and Tamil, countering Axis propaganda and exposing the false statements contained therein were continued this month also and they have now become a regular feature of the programmes. These talks are in addition to the similar talks in English under the caption "The Axis Speaks."

The ryot's role in the war effort was the subject of a broadcast on August 13 and on August 23, Mr. M. S. Adiseshiah discussed the place of loans and taxation in war finance.

Two other broadcasts deserve special mention. Reviewing two recent publications, one on France subsequent to her fall and the other on England during the blitz, Mr. B. O. Ellis narrated the melancholy story of the fall of France and the thorough and far reaching character of the German economic exploitation since set up there. Mr. P. H. Rama Reddi broadcast a talk on August 25th instant on food production in Madras with particular reference to war time conditions.

Trichinopoly Station

The programmes broadcast from the Trichinopoly centre of All-India Radio during the period under review dealt with a variety of subjects including allied startegy in the Pacific theatre, the preparation by the African continent to meet the exigencies of the war, the different aspects of the National War Front and A.R.P. Special emphasis was laid on the strengthening of the home front by an adequate organization of the food resources of the country and the steps to be taken for saving life by the institution of blood banks all over the country.

In the series "The African Scene" Sir R. S. Sarma, C.I.E., spoke on August 8 on the make-up of the continent and the harnessing of its vast resources to the Allied war effort under the leadership of Field Marshal Smuts. In the second talk of the series entitled "Africa in Arms", on August 23, the Rev. Fr. L. N. Balam dealt with the tremendous preparations made in Africa towards winning the war for the allies.

Mr. S. Eben Packiam Rajah explained the strategic significance of the Panama as a pivotal point in the allied plan of counter offensive in the Pacific theatre in his talk entitled "Panama" in the series "The Pacific Spring-board", broadcast on August 22.

"Freedom from Want" was the subject of Mr. S. Thothadri Ayyangar's talk in the series "The four freedoms" on August 29. The place of this freedom among the fundamental rights of man and its value for humanity from the stand-point of allied victory were expounded by the speaker.

The production and conservation of the food resources of the country as a prominent part of the war effort was the subject of an interesting talk on the "War and the food problem" by Rao Sahib Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Nayudu on August 12.

The technique of the transfusion of blood as a method of saving life especially during war emergencies and the institution of blood banks formed the subject of a talk by a medical practitioner broadcast on August 23.

A topical talk was broadcast on the day Brazil declared war against the Axis and a detailed talk on this subject was included in the educational programmes on August 28.

An electrical recording of a talk by Khan Bahadur P. Khalifullah Sahib Bahadur dealing with the statement made in the House of Commons on July 30, with reference to the political situation in India, was broadcast on August 3.

A talk by His Excellency the Governor of Madras on the provision of comforts and amenities for the armed forces in the province was relayed on August 5. An address by Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to the senators of the United States Congress at Washington was relayed

from B.B.C. on August 7. A talk on the W.A.C. by Lady James, Chief Commander of the W.A.C. (I) was relayed from Delhi on August 16.

Among the prominent features in the programmes were two programmes dealing with A.R.P. broadcast on August 12 and 26. In a programme in the series " Dreaming in the black-out " on August 2, the A.R.P. was featured in the weekly sound magazine " Ariel."

Another discussion in the series A B C of A.R.P. prepared in consultation with the Special A.R.P. Officer, Trichinopoly, was broadcast on August 9. Some more questions concerning A.R.P. were answered in this broadcast.

Miscellaneous

Honorary medical officers.—The Government have approved the proposal of the Surgeon-General that recognition may be accorded to the Honorary Medical Officers Association, Madras, subject to certain conditions.

Kerala Soap Institute.—The Government have approved the proposal of the Director of Industries and Commerce that in addition to the appointment of—wholesale stockists, a departmental depot should be opened at Madras for the sale of the products manufactured at the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut.

Transport motor vehicles.—The Government have decided to constitute a committee to advise them on the following points :—

(1) In what manner the transport motor vehicle resources of the Province may be best conserved and devoted to essential uses and whether it is advisable to compel the conversion of lorries to producer-gas in view of the difficulty in getting tyres.

(2) The rules which should be made applicable to the use of producer-gas plant on private motor cars in the light of the following criteria :—

(*a*) to ensure the safety and conveniences of the general public and of other road users.

(*b*) to ensure, in the general interests of the defence of India in the present war situation, that there is no undue or avoidable waste of the country's motor vehicle resources.

The Committee will consist of the following officials :—

(1) The Chairman of the Central Road Traffic Board (Chairman).

(2) Mr. T. A. Varghese, I.C.S., Secretary of the Central Road Traffic Board (Secretary).

(3) Mr. E. W. Bouchier, I.C.S., Provincial Rationing Officer.

(4) Mr. B. W. Lane, I.P., Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic and Licensing.

(5) Mr. D. Purnaiya, Special Officer, Central Road Traffic Board.

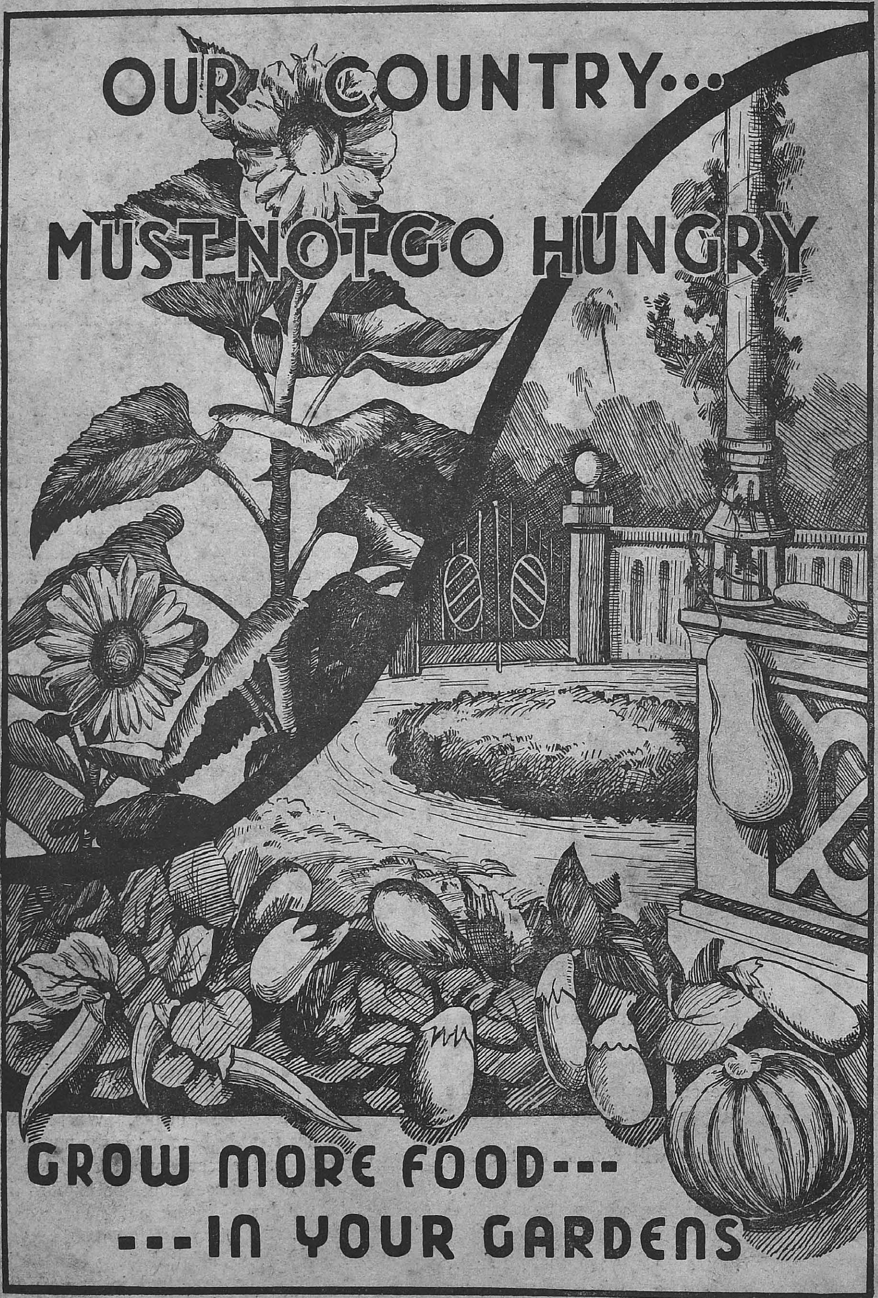
In addition, the Madras Motor Vehicles and Allied Merchants Association, the Indian Road and Transport Development Association and the Automobile Association of Southern India will be invited to send a representative each, and Mr. T. S. Krishnan of Messrs. Sundaram Ayyangar and Sons, Madras, will also be invited to be a member.

Filature silk factory.—In view of the increasing demand for silk for war purposes the Government have consented to work a Filature Silk Factory at Kollegal on terms agreed upon between them and the Government of India on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. In order to ensure a sufficient and steady supply of cocoons for the production of silk in this factory they have approved the proposals of the Director of Industries and Commerce for the extension of acreage under mulberry cultivation and the provision of adequate supply of disease-free seeds to the cultivators. They have sanctioned the remission of the entire assessment for a period of three years on the area to be newly brought under—mulberry cultivation in Kollegal during 1942 and 1943. They have also sanctioned the grant to the ryots of loans under the Agricultural Loans Act up to a total of Rs. 3 lakhs at the rate of Rs. 25 per acre of mulberry to be newly-cultivated in the season in 1943 and in 1944.

Government servants and evacuation.—The Government have directed that the advances granted in March 1942 to Government servants for evacuation of their families be recovered in twelve equal monthly instalments instead of nine equal instalments. Where some recovery has already been made the number of instalments for the recovery of the outstanding portion of the advance should be fixed so that the total number of instalments of recovery is twelve, e.g., where two instalments of recovery have already been effected, the outstanding balance should be recovered in ten further equal monthly instalments.

Distribution of Yarn

TINNEVELLY.—A Special Sub-Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been appointed by Government for giving war orders to the weavers in Melapalayam. He distributed yarn to the weavers.



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